

23rd Annual DMR Human Rights Conference

Making a Difference

Call For Workshops and Presenters

The planning committee seeks workshop proposals from people who are interested in presenting either in the morning or afternoon at this year's DMR Annual Human Rights Conference to be held on June 12, 2007, at the DCU Center in Worcester, Massachusetts.

This year's theme is "*Making A Difference*." Offer your stories, talents and expertise about how, in promoting and affirming human rights, you have made a difference in someone's life. Relevant topics from the past have included:

- Strategies for increasing the stability, integration and quality of life for persons with challenging behaviors, including any form of clinical and/or environmental strategies.
- Strategies for advancing the voice of individuals challenged in communications.
- Monitoring techniques that led to changes that promote improvements in the quality of persons' lives.
- Family supports that help families to respect their roles and help individuals meet their own goals.
- Successful individual advocacy or advocacy for others.
- Shaping staff attitudes, maximizing team approaches, driving system changes, etc.

Please feel free to take from this list, or put forward your new or innovative ideas for approaches to human rights, new therapies, programs, etc., that have made a difference in someone's life!

Each team of presenters should consider, *as appropriate to the topic or audience*, including an individual or family member, who has experienced the strategies expressed in the presentation, as a participant in your panel. Please limit your team to 3 presenters. The presentation should be 1 ½ hours long. Please complete the attached ***Call For Workshops and Presenters*** form as well as compose 1-2 paragraph narrative about your presentation and how it can relate to human rights' principles or safeguards, which had an impact on making a difference in people's lives.

All speakers will be our guests for the day.

Please e-mail all proposals to **Martin.Rachels@state.ma.us** or, if necessary, mail them to:

Human Rights Conference Planning Committee
C/o Martin Rachels, DMR Central West Region, 171 State Avenue, Palmer, MA 01069

All Proposals Due by: January 4, 2007. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact Tom Anzer at 617-624-7738 or, Martin Rachels at 413-284-5006. All applications will be responded to by January 30, 2007. In advance, the planning committee would like to thank you for your interest in the Annual DMR Human Rights Conference, and we look forward to reviewing your proposals and working with you to make this year's conference a success!

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Title of your presentation: _____

Short two sentence description of your workshop: _____

Prefer: AM ☐ or PM ☐ workshop (check preference)?

Contact person: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ **Email Address:** _____

Name and qualifications of presenters: _____

Do you require audio-visual support/equipment? ☐ yes ☐ no

If yes, what type of support or other equipment do you need? Please explain: _____

Are you bringing your own equipment? ☐ yes ☐ no

(Please Note: Not able to provide lap top computers or LCD projectors for presenters, but screens and technical support can be made available. Please contact Martin Rachels if this is a problem for you.)

If yes, what type of equipment are you bringing? Please explain: _____

Will you need technical support for Q & A that may involve explaining how your topic fits DMR regulation, etc.? ☐ yes ☐ no

Articulate who, or which, groups make up your target audience (ie., direct care staff, individuals receiving supports, family members, clinical staff, HRC members, etc.):

Please provide an outline of your workshop/presentation on a separate page, or the back of this sheet, along with the required 2 paragraph description.